

WILLIAM F. KING.

LETTER

FROM THE

CHIEF CLERK OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT,

TRANSMITTING

A draught of a bill to authorize an issue of clothing to Sergt. Maj. William F. King, Twenty-fifth Infantry.

JUNE 19, 1874.—Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs and ordered to be printed.

The chief clerk of the War Department has the honor, in the absence of the Secretary of War, to transmit to the House of Representatives draught of an act to authorize an issue of clothing to Sergt. Maj. William F. King, Twenty-fifth Infantry, and in this connection to renew the recommendation made by the Secretary of War on the 10th February, 1870, (copy of letter herewith,) that a law be passed authorizing the gratuitous issue of clothing to enlisted men of the Army, where the same has been lost by fire, flood, or other unavoidable accident.

H. T. CROSBY,
Chief Clerk.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *June 15, 1874.*

AN ACT authorizing the issue of clothing to Sergt. Maj. William F. King, Twenty-fifth Infantry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue clothing in lieu of and equal in value to that lost by Sergt. Maj. William F. King, Twenty-fifth Regiment of Infantry, whose quarters at Fort Davis, Tex., were destroyed by fire on the morning of December nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, February 10, 1870.

The Secretary of War has the honor to submit to the Committee on Military Affairs of the United States Senate, the accompanying proposed joint resolution, authorizing the issue of clothing to certain en-

listed men of the Fourteenth Regiment of Infantry, and to renew the recommendation, heretofore made, that authority be given by law for such issues in all similar cases, in order that the beneficiaries may not be subjected to the delay sometimes attendant upon the enactment of special legislation in each case.

WM. W. BELKNAP,
Secretary of War.